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## U.S. SPECIAL ADVISER RONAN FARROW INAUGURATES YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

**DHAKA, DECEMBER 12 ---** Ronan Farrow, Special Adviser to the U.S. Secretary of State for Global Youth Issues, departed Dhaka today after a busy schedule of meetings with youth leaders, educators, students and the media to highlight the importance of youth participation in political and civil society and how the U.S. Government plans to engage young people across Bangladesh.

Together with U.S. Ambassador Dan Mozena, Special Adviser Farrow inaugurated the Ambassador's Youth Council in Bangladesh on December 11. U.S. Embassy Dhaka's Council of Youth Advisors is part of a global focus by Secretary Clinton and President Obama on giving young leaders a voice in U.S. policy processes. Eight young community leaders and entrepreneurs will advise the United States government on Bangladesh's challenges and opportunities and will play a key role in shaping policies and initiatives that respond to the concerns of Bangladesh's youth majority.

Special Adviser Farrow is responsible for amplifying and advocating youth policy and programming throughout the U.S. State Department. The Office of Global Youth Issues, created by Secretary Clinton as a result of a Department-wide review of youth policy, oversees an historic effort to empower young people as economic and civic actors through U.S. programs, encourage governments to respond to youth through U.S. diplomacy, and directly engage young people around the world.

A lawyer and human rights advocate and journalist, Special Adviser Farrow is a graduate of Bard College and Yale Law School. He is a member of the New York bar. Prior to joining the State Department, he served as Spokesperson for Youth at UNICEF. In 2010, Harper's Bazaar named him their "up-and-coming politician of the year." Farrow was recently awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for 2012, distinguishing him as one of the country's brightest thinkers.

Special Adviser Farrow arrived in Dhaka on December 9. This was his first visit to Bangladesh.

Follow Ronan Farrow on Twitter at @Ronan Farrow. For updates on the Ambassador's Council of Youth Advisors and other programming, visit the U.S. Embassy's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bangladesh.usembassy](http://www.facebook.com/bangladesh.usembassy).

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